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SUBJECT: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA DISCUSSES ANGOLA
AND NAMIBIA

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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MACBRIDE DEPARTED NEW
YORK FOR TRIP TO EUROPE AND AFRICA BEFORE DEPARTMENT WAS
ABLE TO INSTRUCT USUN TO GIVE MACBRIDE OUR REACTION TO HIS
IDEAS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT MACBRIDE
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WILL BE IN LONDON UNTIL FEBRUARY 21 AND WILL BE CONSULTING

WITH HMG. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ATTEMPT TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH MACBRIDE AND TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH HIM IN DISCREET BUT STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER:

A) USG IS ALSO ASTONISHED AT HIS "FEARS" EXPRESSED TO USUN THAT U.S. DESIRES BASES IN ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA AND THAT U.S. SPECIAL FORCES" MIGHT BE SENT TO NAMIBIA. U.S. SPOKESMAN HAVE REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT U.S. HAS ANY INTENTIONS OF ESTABLISHING BASES OR SENDING TROOPS TO EITHER TERRITORY. AS USUN MISSION OFFICER HAS ALREADY REMINDED MACBRIDE, HE OUGHT TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH WELL-KNOWN PRESENCE OF SOVIETS AND CUBANS IN ANGOLA.

B) USG IS NOT AMUSED BY CONJECTURE THAT SWAPO WOULD INVITE MPLA (READ CUBANS AND SOVIETS) INTO NAMIBIA. MACBRIDE, AS THE CHIEF UN OFFICER CONCERNED WITH NAMIBIA, OUGHT TO REALIZE THAT A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WITH FUTURE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

C) THE USG SEES LITTLE MERIT IN HIS IDEA OF "PACKAGE SOLUTION" TO NAMIBIA AND ANGOLA PROBLEMS. HIS PROPOSAL IGNORES ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES AND REALITIES IN SITUATION IN TWO TERRITORIES.

3. PLEASE REPORT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE MACBRIDE AND RESULTS OF YOUR MEETING. INGERSOLL

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